

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10, 12, 15-18 and 21-24 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1, 5, 6 and 16-18 stand rejected. Claims 2, 3 and 15 are objected to. Claims 7, 8, 10, 12, and 21-24 are allowed.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claims 7, 8, 10, 12, and 21-24 have been allowed and that claims 2, 3, and 15 recite allowable subject matter. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's reasoning in rejecting claims 1, 5, 6 and 16-18. In such reasoning, the Examiner failed to address specific structural limitations of the claims. However, in order to advance prosecution, Applicant has amended the rejected base claim 1 to include the distinguishing features of allowed claim 7. Thus, Applicants submit that claim 1 as amended herein is patentable over the cited prior art.

Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue the subject matter originally claimed in the present application in a continuation application or other application based hereon.

In light of all of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in order for allowance, and prompt allowance is earnestly requested. Should any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney of record so that the case may proceed expeditiously to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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